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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Comments on Congressional Proposal

1. This memorandum responds to your request for an assessment of the impact Congressman Nedzi's proposal to prohibit business contacts between present and former Agency employees would have on the legitimate activities of the Intelligence Directorate. In brief, this legislation would cause serious problems for [REDACTED] OER, and OPR.

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2. The Nedzi proposal would cause us difficulties in four general areas.

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period of time. OER also makes use of ex-employees whom it finds especially valuable because of their long experience in and detailed knowledge of the office's sophisticated research activities.

--Consultant relationships: OER, OSR, and our new OPR have programs underway or planned with former employees who are in a position to make unique and valuable contributions because of their combination of individual expertise and knowledge of our mission and operating methods.

--Using former staff employees to refer students or other candidates for recruitment as CIA staff employees: OER, in particular, makes extensive use of academic referrals. Some two to three dozen former employees perform this service for us at the present time.

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--Exchanges with former employees now in academia:
OPR expects to make extensive use of these people in acquiring judgments on the value of the office's product and the applicability of various methodologies of political research. OER sponsors various conferences and seminars on topics of mutual interest in which former employees provide unique contributions drawn from the perspective of academia.

3. I have attached each DDI office's comments for your information. You may want to draw from this material to document the damage that could result should the Nedzi proposal become law.

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DDI EXECUTIVE STAFF

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